

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1707

Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Corbett (Chair), Dutra, Hancock, Jackson, Laird, Longville, Montanez, Steinberg, and Vargas)

February 26, 2003

An act to amend Section 51 of the Civil Code, relating to civil rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1707, as introduced, Committee on Judiciary. Civil rights.

The Unruh Civil Rights Act prohibits any business establishment from discriminating on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, or medical condition in the provision of accommodations, facilities, privileges, or services.

This bill would make nonsubstantive, technical changes to that act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51 of the Civil Code is amended to read:
- 2 51. (a) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as the
- 3 Unruh Civil Rights Act.
- 4 (b) All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and
- 5 equal, and no matter what their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry,
- 6 national origin, disability, or medical condition, are entitled to the
- 7 full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges,
- 8 ~~or~~ and services in all business establishments of ~~every~~ any kind
- 9 ~~whatsoever~~.

1 (c) This section ~~shall~~ *may* not be construed to confer any right
2 or privilege on a person that is conditioned or limited by law or that
3 is applicable alike to persons of every sex, color, race, religion,
4 ancestry, national origin, disability, or medical condition.

5 (d) Nothing in this section ~~shall~~ *may* be construed to require
6 any construction, alteration, repair, structural or otherwise, or
7 modification of any sort whatsoever, beyond that construction,
8 alteration, repair, or modification that is otherwise required by
9 other provisions of law, to any new or existing establishment,
10 facility, building, improvement, or any other structure, nor ~~shall~~
11 *may* anything in this section be construed to augment, restrict, or
12 alter in any way the authority of the State Architect to require
13 construction, alteration, repair, or modifications that the State
14 Architect otherwise possesses pursuant to other laws.

15 (e) For purposes of this section:

16 (1) “Disability” means any mental or physical disability as
17 defined in Section 12926 of the Government Code.

18 (2) “Medical condition” has the same meaning as defined in
19 subdivision (h) of Section 12926 of the Government Code.

20 (f) A violation of the right of any individual under the
21 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336)
22 shall also constitute a violation of this section.

